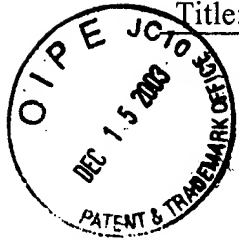


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 13, 2003, said period of response being extended from September 13, 2003, to December 13, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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